
Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board held in the Gallery, Level 1, Manukau Civic Building, 31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau on Tuesday, 16 March 2021 at 5.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Lotu Fuli
Deputy Chairperson	Dr Ashraf Choudhary, QSO, JP
Members	Apulu Reece Autagavaia – via skype
	Dr Ofa Dewes – via skype
	Swanie Nelson – via skype
	Ross Robertson, QSO, JP
	Dawn Trenberth

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor	Alf Filipaina
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1 Welcome

Chair Lotu Fuli opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies

3 Declaration of Interest

Member Nelson declared a conflict in item 7.1 Petition - Request for a Bike Park at Manukau Sports Bowl and item 8.1 Deputation - The Otara Kai Village and took no part in the discussion or voting on the items.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number OP/2021/17

MOVED by Member R Robertson, seconded by Chairperson L Fuli:

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Tuesday, 16 February 2021, as true and correct.**

CARRIED

5 Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

6 Acknowledgements

Deputy Chair Dr Ashraf Choudhary acknowledged:

Mr. Vaughan Couillault, Principal Papatoetoe High School

On behalf of Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board, I would like to acknowledge the leadership, commitment and timely actions provided by the Papatoetoe High School Principal, Mr. Vaughan Couillault and his school team in response to the recent outbreak of Covid-19 among some school students and their families. Mr. Couillault showed extraordinary communication skills and empathy towards his ethnically diverse community of over 1400 students and their whanau. Mr. Couillault has spent most of his childhood and working life in various schools in South Auckland. The Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board appreciates and commends his model leadership not only among his school community but in wider South Auckland.

The Chair Lotu Fuli acknowledged:

District Court Judge Michael Mika

The Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board would like to acknowledge the appointment of Michael 'Mike' Mika to the bench as a District Court Judge.

Mike is the son of Reverend Salafai Mika and his lovely wife Fou. They were the founding ministers of the Papatoetoe Samoan Methodist Church where they served for 7 years, before serving as ministers at the Otara Samoan Methodist Church for 7 more years before retiring.

Chief District Court Judge Heemi Taumaunu says he represents the [transformative vision](#) for New Zealand's judicial system.

Mika's challenge would be bringing different cultures together in the courtroom, he said.

Mike is a well-known Waihopai and Murihiku community leader. He was a crown prosecutor before becoming a long-time partner at Preston Russell Law.

At his swearing-in ceremony, Mike praised his parents and family "This day is about you, and your sacrifices which we will always acknowledge and appreciate,"

His parents Reverend Salafai and Fou Mika, along with many of his aunties and uncles, had come to New Zealand from Samoa in the 1960s to provide better opportunities for their children. His success was a reflection on their hard work.

Preston Russell director and crown prosecutor Mary-Jane Thomas spoke of Mika's journey from a working class background to judge, highlighting the important role of education for people who have experienced having no influence or money.

Thomas echoed hopes for a more inclusive legal system, adding that Preston Russell believed there was strength in diversity.

"Young men need to be able to walk into court and see someone of their colour," she said.

Mika's "other life" as a professional rugby player and Manu Samoa prop sparked many sporting analogies, as speakers spoke of his integrity, patience, and wisdom.



(L – R: Mother Fou Mika, Judge Michael Mika, his wife Jane, son Jacob and father Rev Salafai Mika)

7 Petitions

7.1 Petition - Request for a Bike Park at Manukau Sports Bowl

The following members declared an interest in item 7.1 Petition - Request for a Bike Park at Manukau Sports Bowl.

Member S Nelson – conflict with The Otago Bike Club. Member Nelson took no part in the discussion or voting on the item.

A copy of the presentation has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minute attachment.

Resolution number OP/2021/18

MOVED by Chairperson L Fuli, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Choudhary:

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) **receive the petition requesting a bike Park be considered as part of the Manukau Sports Bowl redevelopment master plan and thank Dianne Roberts and Terangi Parima for their attendance.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 16 March 2021: Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board - Item 7.1 Petition - Request for a Bike Park at Manukau Sports Bowl - PowerPoint presentation

Note: At the Chair's discretion items 9, 10 and 11 were taken before item 8.

9 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

10 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Governing Body Member Update

Resolution number OP/2021/19

MOVED by Chairperson L Fuli, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Choudhary:

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) **receive the verbal report from Manukau Ward Councillor Filipaina.**

CARRIED

8 Deputations

8.1 Deputation - The Otara Kai Village

The following members declared an interest in item 8.1 Deputation – The Otara Kai Village.

Member S Nelson – conflict with The Otara Kai Village. Member Nelson took no part in the discussion or voting on the item.

Lee Naniseni and Candice Luke from The Otara Kai Village were in attendance to thank the board for its support in 2020.

A copy of the presentation has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minute attachment.

Resolution number OP/2021/20

MOVED by Chairperson L Fuli, seconded by Member D Trenberth:

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) **thank Lee Naniseni and Candice Luke from The Otara Kai Village for their attendance and presentation.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 16 March 2021: Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board - Item 8.1 Deputation - The Otara Kai Village - PowerPoint presentation

12 Board Members' Report

Resolution number OP/2021/21

MOVED by Chairperson L Fuli, seconded by Member D Trenberth:

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) **receive the board members' oral reports.**

CARRIED

13 Chairperson's Announcements

Resolution number OP/2021/22

MOVED by Member D Trenberth, seconded by Member R Robertson:

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) **receive the chairperson's verbal update.**

CARRIED

14 Notice of Change of Control – Lease of Premises at 20 Newbury Street, Ōtara

Resolution number OP/2021/23

MOVED by Chairperson L Fuli, seconded by Member D Trenberth:

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) **approve the assignment of the current lease of premises at 20 Newbury Street, Ōtara from Pasifika Physio Ltd to Habit Rehabilitation Ltd.**

CARRIED

15 Local board input into preparation of the draft 2021 Regional Parks Management Plan

Resolution number OP/2021/24

MOVED by Chairperson L Fuli, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Choudhary:

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) **appreciate the opportunity to give feedback to the draft 2021 Regional Parks Management Plan and provide the following comments:**
- i) **there is rapid growth and urban development in our city with immense pressure on the reducing open, green environment. The Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Plan 2020 has a focus on two outcomes, “Parks and facilities that meet our people’s needs” and “ Sustainable, healthy natural environment” that are closely associated with what is offered through council’s regional parks**
 - ii) **even though regional parks are in different parts of the city, these are actively used by South Auckland communities. Easy access to the natural open public spaces of our regional parks are very valuable for the health and wellbeing of our people**
 - iii) **the board is not in support of any revenue generating activities that may hinder free access for all Aucklanders to enjoy our regional parks**
 - iv) **the board support public feedback expressing the need for planting more trees, sustainable and regenerative farming practices in council’s regional’s parks and to build cycle trails and bus links between parks and communities so people don’t have to drive**
 - v) **note that the Parks, Arts, Community and Events (PACE) Committee, at its meeting on 11 March 2021 resolved to transfer decision allocation for Colin Dale Park to the governing body according with section 17(2) of the Local Government Auckland Council Act**
 - vi) **the board request effective engagement with the local communities of Ōtara-Papatoetoe and other southern areas at the time of public consultation on the draft plan. Views from local people -Māori, Pacific, and the many different ethnic groups, must inform the final plan**
 - vii) **the board welcome the opportunity to give further inputs on the draft 2021 Regional Park Management Plan following the public submission process and request that the breakdown of submissions by local board area is provided in time.**

CARRIED

16 2021 Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting

Resolution number OP/2021/25

MOVED by Chairperson L Fuli, seconded by Member R Robertson:

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) **acknowledges the budget constraints facing Auckland Council which led staff to recommend a smaller number of attendees than normal**
- b) **notes that the LGNZ conference is the main opportunity for local board members to be exposed to emerging issues in the sector, advocate on behalf of their communities to their peers and government, and build connections with their peers from across the sector during an electoral term**
- c) **is concerned that the proposed approach will not ensure adequate representation of the Otara-Papatoetoe communities at the conference**
- d) **notes that the vast majority of individual development budget allocated to Otara-Papatoetoe members for the term remains unspent**
- e) **requests that up to 2 members from the Otara-Papatoetoe Local board attend the conference paid for by that member's individual development budget and a pro-rata reduction of an equal amount from the remaining members' individual development budget to make up the shortfall**
- f) **nominates member Dr Ofa Dewes and member Swanie Nelson to attend the LGNZ conference on the basis of e) above**
- g) **subject to approval of the approach in e) and f) above that the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board opts out of making a nomination for a representative for the southern cluster to be funded from the regional budget**
- h) **circulate this resolution to other local boards for their information and support.**

CARRIED

17 Governance Forward Work Calendar

Resolution number OP/2021/26

MOVED by Chairperson L Fuli, seconded by Member D Trenberth:

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) **note the Governance Forward Work Calendar.**

CARRIED

18 Record of Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Workshop Notes

Resolution number OP/2021/27

MOVED by Chairperson L Fuli, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Choudhary:

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) **note the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board workshop records for 2 February, 9 February and 23 February 2021.**

CARRIED

19 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

The Chair Lotu Fuli closed the meeting with a karakia.

7.01 pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE
LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....